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**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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For: **TERMINAL, AND PREPROCESSING UNIT, AND NETWORK, AND FINAL  
PROCESSING UNIT, AND METHOD**

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE TITLE:**

**The title was amended as follows:**

**TERMINAL, AND PREPROCESSING UNIT, AND NETWORK, AND FINAL  
PROCESSING UNIT, AND METHOD**

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

On page 4, please amend the third full paragraph beginning with "The document US  
5,809,464" as follows:

The document US 5,809,464 discloses a dictating mechanism based upon distributed  
speech recognition (DSR). Other documents being related to DSR are for example  
EP00440016.4 (corresponding to U.S. Patent Application No. 09/760,794 filed January 17,

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2001) and EP00440057.8 (corresponding to U.S. Patent Application No. 09/789,808 filed February 22, 2001). The document EP00440087.5 (corresponding to U.S. Patent Application No. 09/791,562 filed February 26, 2001) discloses a system for performing vocal commanding. The document US 5,794,195 discloses a start/end point detection for word recognition. The document US 5,732,141 discloses a voice activity detection. Neither one of these documents discloses the telecommunication system according to the invention. All references including further references cited with respect to and/or inside said references are considered to be incorporated in this patent application.

**IN THE ABSTRACT:**

**Please add the following Abstract of the Disclosure.**

## ABSTRACT

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**REMARKS**

Entry and consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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## APPENDIX

**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

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**The title was amended as follows:**

**DISTRIBUTED SPEECH RECOGNITION  
TERMINAL, AND PREPROCESSING UNIT, AND NETWORK, AND FINAL  
PROCESSING UNIT, AND METHOD**

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**An Abstract has been added.**